Terrorists camps in Bangladesh

†794. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-India terrorists camps are still operating in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this matter has been taken up during the D.G. level talks held in September between the officers of BSF and BDR;

(d) if so, the response of Bangladesh thereon; and

(e) the other matters which were taken up during the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) There are reports that Indian insurgent Groups from North East have set up camps in Bangladesh territory.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Director General, Bangladesh rifles (BDR) denied presence of Indian insurgent camp/hideouts. He stated that Bangladesh would never harbour any insurgent or miscreant inside her territory nor allow her land to be used by subversive elements or insurgents or miscreants against its neighbourers.

(e) The other matters which were taken up during the talks include unprovoked firing by Bangladesh Rifles, flow of illegal migrants from Bangladesh, trans-border crimes including smuggling of arms/ammunition, cattle, fake Indian currency notes, border fencing and confidence building measures.

Separate Development Board for Konkan Region

†795. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of the resolution unanimously passed by both the Houses of Maharashtra Legislature, proposal for constitution of a separate Development Board for Konkan region in Maharashtra was made in April, 1989;

(b) the reasons for the inordinate delay and the stage at which the same has been pending; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken for expediting the matter?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal under Article 371 (2) of the Constitution for setting up Development Boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada and the rest of Maharashtra was sent by Government of Maharashtra in December 1993 and these Development Boards were accordingly set up from 1.5.1994 onwards. A proposal to amend Article 371(2) of the Constitution for establishment of a separate Konkan Development Board was received from the Government of Maharashtra in may 1998. Before taking a decision on this proposal the Planning Commission was requested in August 1998 to give its assessment of the effectiveness and working of the existing three development boards in Maharashtra. The Planning Commission submitted its detailed performance evaluation report in April 2003, and it was observed from this report and the data available in the Government of Maharashtra's Human Development Report 2002, that considerable development had already taken place in the Konkan region. In view of this the Government of Maharashtra was requested to reconsider its proposal. Government of Mahrashtra on 22.6.2005 reiterated its stand that a separate Development Board for Konkan is necessary. However, since the original Resolution of the State Legislature to this effect had been passed as long back as in 1989, Government of Mahrashtra was on 18.7.2005 requested to obtain afresh the views of both Houses of the State Legislature.

Illegal Bangladeshis in coastal areas of Orissa

796. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladeshis have infiltrated into the coastal areas of Mahakalpada of Kendrapara district and others in Orissa in a big way;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these illegal settlers have since been identified by the district administration; and

(c) if so, what is the action plan of Centre to help the State administration to deport these illegal settlers back to Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per the information received from Government of Orissa, notices had been issued to 1,551 alleged